

## Message Text

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P R 191045Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 689  
USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA PRIORITY  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
USMISSION NATO  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
USDEL MBFR VIENNA

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: PFOR SALT SOPN UR US  
SUBJ: BEECHER REFUTES USA INSTITUTE CLAIM.

REF: MOSCOW 6661

1. SUMMARY: BEECHER DENIES HE WAS TOLD HIS TALKS AT USA  
INSTITUTE WERE OFF-THE-RECORD. END SUMMARY.

2. BOSTON GLOBE CORRESPONDENT WILLIAM BEECHER, WHO NOW  
IN BELGRADE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT AT NO TIME DURING HIS  
CONVERSATIONS AT USA INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW WAS HE INFORMED  
THAT VIEWS HE RECEIVED WERE TO BE TREATED ON OFF-THE-  
RECORD BASIS. HE MAINTAINS THAT HE WAS SURPRISED AT  
FRANKNESS OF CONVERSATION AND SEVERAL TIMES ASKED HIS  
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INTERLOCUTORS AND LATER HIS NOVOSTI GUIDE SPECIFICALLY  
WHETHER MATERIAL WAS TO BE CONSIDERED OFF THE RECORD.  
IN EACH CASE, HE SAYS, RESPONSE WAS NEGATIVE. HE THUS  
BELIEVES SUBSTANCE IS CLEARER THAN USUAL SOVIET SIGNAL.  
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## Message Attributes

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